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The New Mexico Environment Department will hold an open house regarding an operating, or Title V, permit application submitted by the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Fuller Lodge, 2132 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

The permit application is to operate a variety of existing facilities located at LANL. The Clean Air Act Amendments, which became law in 1990, required any source of emissions that generated more than 100 tons per year of any regulated air pollutants, or 10 tons per year of any hazardous air pollutants, or 25 tons per year of total HAPs, to obtain an Air Quality Operating Permit. (Regulated pollutants include sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide. Hazardous air pollutants include benzene and formaldehyde.) The New Mexico Air Quality Bureau has the authority to consider all relevant emissions in the operating permit except radionuclides. An EPA Region 6 representative will be available to address radionuclide concerns.

The permit Statement of Basis for the facility; the Air Quality Regulation, 20.2.70 NMAC, which governs the state operating permit process for LANL; and air quality modeling analysis for estimating emissions from the facility will be available for review at the open house. These documents can also be viewed at the Department's Air Quality Bureau office at 2048 Galisteo in Santa Fe, and at Los Alamos Mesa Public Library, 2410 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, New Mexico, for 1 week after the open house.

The open house will allow participants to ask questions, express concerns, react to what is being proposed, and even make suggestions to technical experts. Participants will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with factors that may affect their air quality and to express their views to technical and regulatory staff, as well as LANL personnel. Displays and informational materials will be provided in nontechnical terms, and handouts will be available for people to take home for further examination. Participants will also be able to provide written comments and suggestions related to the issues discussed.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please call Bob Simpson, Air Permitting Specialist, Title V Permit Section, at (505) 955-8083; Ned Jerabek, Manager, Title V Operating Permit Section, at (505) 955-8013; or Richard Goodyear, Permit Program Manager, NMED Air Quality Bureau, at (505) 955-8089.

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